

Center Director's Safety Bulletin

March 12, 2001

Calendar of Events

April

"Buckle Up for
Safety" campaign

March Safety Training

March 13-15,
2001

Cryogenics Safety

March 16, 2001

Liquid Nitrogen

March 14, 2001

CPR

March 21, 2001

Lockout/Tagout

Confined Space

March 27, 2001

Personal
Protective
Equipment

April 3-5, 2001

Lab Safety and
Health

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Learning Center
at 3-2997 for
your monthly
safety videos.

Employee Participation – A Key Factor for a Successful Mission to VPP!

Active employee participation in every aspect of the Glenn Safety Program is essential for Glenn to successfully achieve the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) STAR Certification. Employee involvement will ensure that a safety culture exists and goes well beyond the compliance with OSHA's minimum requirements. This means that you, as an employee, have many opportunities to positively impact safety in Glenn's work environment. First, employees must follow all safety rules and regulations. Second, you can maintain current awareness and familiarity with the Glenn safety policy and procedures by participating in all safety training opportunities. This training will also improve your understanding of safe work practices and increase your awareness of safety techniques that will be useful away from your job. Other opportunities to influence your work environment include immediately correcting hazards when you see them or, if more appropriate, report them to your supervisor. You should make recommendations for worksite improvements that have a safety enhancement outcome. You can encourage your fellow workers to use proven safety procedures and not to take shortcuts that may lead to unnecessary risk. Another step that you may take is to volunteer to help with any safety awareness activities such as the upcoming "Buckle up for Safety" campaign that is scheduled for April 2001 or the activities for the next "Stand up for Safety" Day, scheduled for this fall. Without employees taking ownership and actively participating in the Safety Program we cannot get to VPP STAR Certification. Yes, we will still have a good Safety Program, but it will not be among the best without your support.

Mission to VPP is a win-win situation for all of us.

Confined Spaces

Do you recognize the confined spaces around you? They include manholes, tanks, and similar areas. OSHA discusses two types of confined spaces: Confined and Permit-Required Confined Spaces.

A Confined Space has the following characteristics:

- Is large enough that you can enter and perform work.
- Has limited or restricted access for entry or exit.
- Is not designed for continuous worker occupancy.

A Permit-Required Confined Space is a Confined Space that:

- Contains or could contain a hazardous atmosphere.
- Contains material that has the potential for engulfing you.
- Has converging walls or a floor that slopes downward and tapers such that you could be trapped or asphyxiated.
- Contains any other recognized serious safety or health hazard.

A Permit-Required Confined Space requires review and approval by the Glenn Safety Office and the Environmental Management Office before any entry into a Confined Space. The Glenn Safety Manual, Chapter 16, describes the procedure for obtaining a Confined Space Entry Permit.

REMEMBER: Mission Success Starts with Safety